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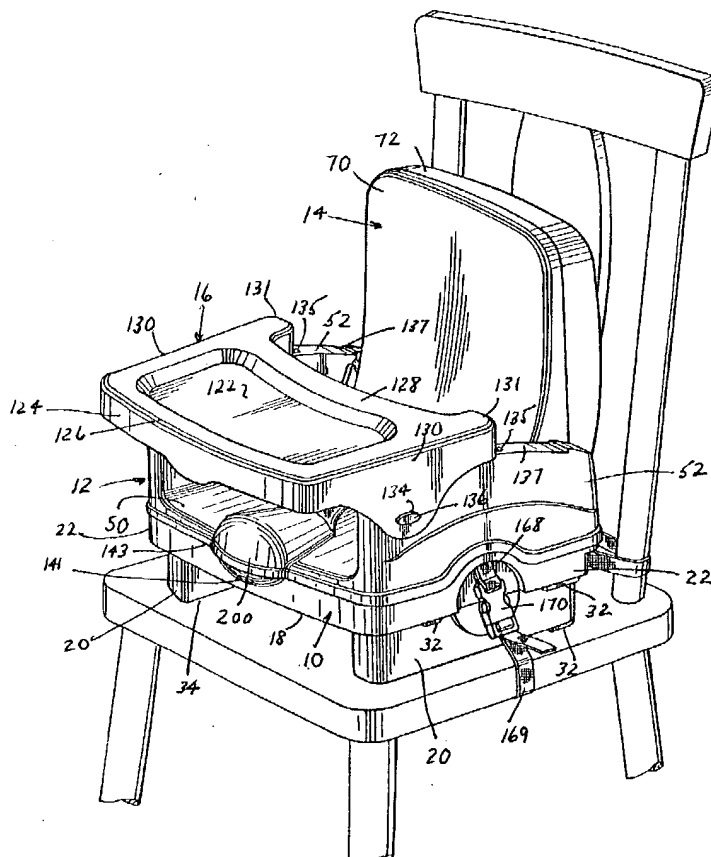
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ABSTRACT

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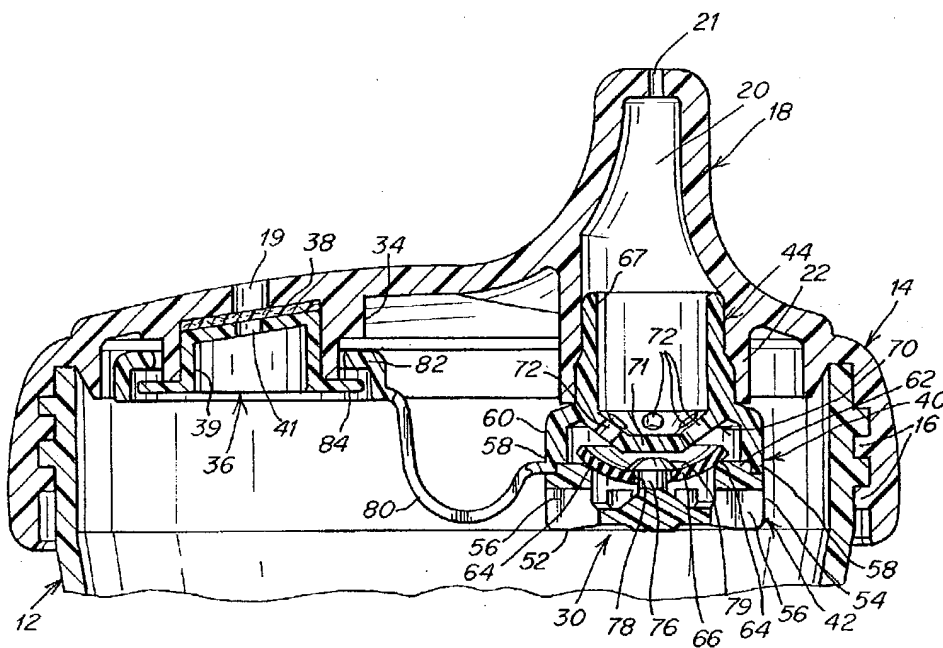
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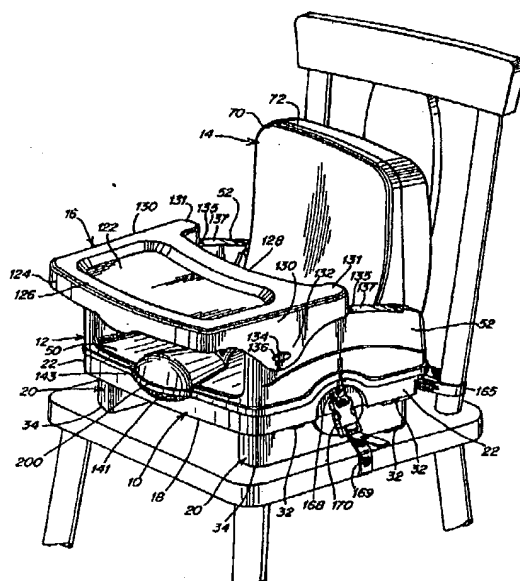
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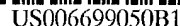
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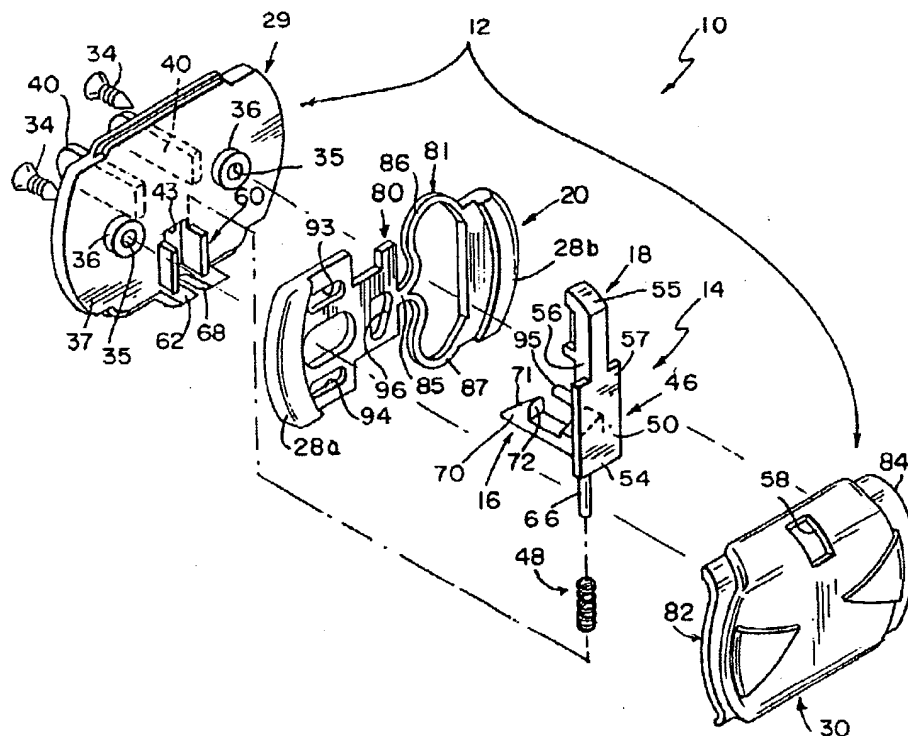
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- A lockable electrical outlet socket closure plug includes a plug housing including an inner plate and a socket blade appended to the inner plate and adapted to extend into a blade receiver opening formed in the electrical outlet socket. The closure plug further includes a retainer for selectively retaining the plug housing in a mounted position on an electrical outlet socket and a controller mounted for movement in the plug housing and arranged normally to reinforce the retainer to cause the plug housing to remain in the mounted position on the electrical outlet socket.

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